

Slaughter Brings National Art Economic-Development Experts to Evaluate Rochester Experts to Make Recommendations for Rochester's Future

Washington, DC - Rep. Slaughter has brought together national experts from the art world experienced in helping cities link their major arts institutions to provide a target destination for tourists and conventions, and to help build the local economy.

Rep. Slaughter has asked these experts to tour Rochester today and suggest ways the city can maximize its attractions for the benefit of tourists, local artists, the art-loving community, and small businesses that depend on the non-profit arts for success.

Upon completing the tour, the group is planning to compile and release a recommendations report to Congresswoman Slaughter

According to The Creative Industries Report, just released by Americans for the Arts, these art-centric businesses are "the high octane fuel that drives the 'information economy' -- the fastest growing segment of the nation's economy."

The report ranks Rep. Slaughter's 28th Congressional District as number 14th (out of 435) in the nation in terms of the number of total arts employees in 2005, and number 178th in the total number of arts businesses for this year.

WHO: Rep. Louise Slaughter, Wendy Thompson from ArtSpace, Sandra Gibson from

Arts Presenters, Patrick Madden from Arts Presenters, Jim Dumas from Arts

Presenters

WHAT: MEDIA AVAILABILITY

WHEN: TODAY AT 2:30 PM

WHERE: Rochester Business Alliance

150 State St, Rochester, NY 14614

4th Floor media room.